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General Mahone's Plans—Again.

General MAHONE writes to the Washington National Republican denying the statement that his State Committee had called a State convention to meet at Petersburg in May and select twenty-four delegates to the Republican National Convention. The General understands his resolution to mean just what we tried in our last two issues to show that it meant. He gives the following as the provisions of the call:

"That the delegates appointed and elected by each county and city convention at district, and second, at the District Convention for each congressional district to which they belong to be held then and there, or at such time and place within the bounds of their respective districts as a majority of the delegates from and representing the congressional district shall separately and among themselves agree, to appoint an elector for the district and two district delegates and two alternates to the National Convention to be held at Chicago."

Now, if that is not an ingenious piece of work—a fine specimen of party strategy—then JOHN S. WISE, the YORRS, the LEWISSES, CAMERONS, BRADYS, GILMER, and the rest of the bolters, are no judges. We do not doubt that by this time they feel "as flat as a flounder." He has taken all the wind out of their sails. They might as well be

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as to undertake to show that General MAHONE's resolution violates the regulation of the last Republican National Convention prescribing the manner of electing delegates to the Republican National Convention of this year. For the first time, we have General MAHONE's resolution in his own words; and it is "as plain as the nose on your face" that the delegates to his State Convention are empowered to call congressional-district conventions to be held either in Petersburg or within the bounds of the several districts. The delegates elected to the State Convention will be authorized to call congressional-district conventions. No body else is authorized to call them. MAHONE's resolution shuts out all other agencies for calling such conventions. He has already guarded against bolters. His delegates to Petersburg will know by the time the State Convention meets whether it is necessary or not to call a local convention within the bounds of any given district, and will govern themselves accordingly. If they foresee that the Blainites will call local conventions within the bounds of the district if they do not, then they will have a local convention to elect delegates to Chicago. If, on the contrary, there be no disposition manifested by the Blainites to call a local convention within the bounds of any given district, convention will be held in Petersburg during the session of the State Convention.

The Washington National Republican quotes from the Chicago regulation the following:

"The delegates at large shall be chosen by popular State conventions called on not less than twenty days previous to the meeting of the National Convention. The delegates at large shall be chosen in the same manner as the nomination of delegates in Congress is made."

And comments as follows:

"It will be seen that the State Committee had no authority to call the district conventions to meet at Petersburg, or anywhere else."

In a word, the General has outwitted all the bolters.

Congress—The Tariff.

Congress has now been in session four months, and yet on Monday last when the MILLER tariff bill was reported the consideration of the same was postponed for two weeks, in order, so it was said, that the appropriation bills might be first considered. The House of Representatives seems to be bound in chains which cannot be broken nor otherwise removed. A tariff bill ought to have been reported long ago. If its provisions had been acceptable it would have been passed before now. If not acceptable those provisions might have been superseded by others. We cannot appreciate the wisdom of the policy which allows a committee to consider a bill for four months, and thus limits unnecessarily the time which the House of Representatives itself can devote to it. If the object of the delay had been to frame a bill acceptable to Protectionists as well as anti-Protectionists and thus to secure its passage by Congress the delay would have been excusable. But the minority charge that the bill reported on Monday by Mr. MILLER was not framed by the committee, but by the majority. All bills must necessarily be framed by a majority of a committee, but the rule has been to have all the committee members present while the bill was under consideration, and thus to afford all the members of the

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News comes from the region of Guilford, on the upper bay-side, that Charles Wagner, a confirmed old bachelor and hermit, has recently eloped with and married a young lady of that locality still in her teens, and that the bride's relatives are very much exercised about the matter. Another hermit in an adjacent locality recently took it into his head to marry a pretty young school-teacher of the neighborhood. He is nearly eighty years old, and has always lived alone. He seems to have thought it was only necessary to intimate his willingness to marry the young lady and to be well, for she became exceedingly angry and left in high dudgeon.

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AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE LIFE MEMBERS AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THE VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL SOCIETY will be held at the Hotel Richmond, on Wednesday, April 4, 1888, at 8 o'clock, in the evening. The agenda of the meeting is as follows: 1. Report of the Executive Committee. 2. Report of the Finance Committee. 3. Report of the Auditors. 4. Report of the Secretary. 5. Report of the Treasurer. 6. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Constitution. 7. Report of the Committee on the Proposed By-Laws. 8. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Rules. 9. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Regulations. 10. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Resolutions. 11. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Amendments. 12. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Changes. 13. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Revisions. 14. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Alterations. 15. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Improvements. 16. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Innovations. 17. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reforms. 18. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reorganizations. 19. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Restructurings. 20. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reconstitutions. 21. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reestablishments. 22. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reinstatements. 23. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reintegrations. 24. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reincorporations. 25. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 26. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 27. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 28. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 29. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 30. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 31. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 32. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 33. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 34. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 35. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 36. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 37. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 38. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 39. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 40. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 41. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 42. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 43. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 44. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 45. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 46. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 47. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 48. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 49. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 50. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 51. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 52. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 53. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 54. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 55. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 56. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 57. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 58. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 59. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 60. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 61. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 62. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 63. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 64. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 65. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 66. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 67. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 68. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 69. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 70. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 71. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 72. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 73. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 74. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 75. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 76. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 77. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 78. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 79. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reimbursements. 80. Report of the Committee on the Proposed Reim